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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 November 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 27, 28, 32-42 and 46-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 33-41 & 47-52 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 27-28, 32, 42, 46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/ are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 11/27/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argue on page 10 that, "Metz does not teach or suggest at least [storing]...a predetermined number when the download procedure for updating the control program ins the second domain was suspended due to a signal transmission error". Examiner agrees, but points out that Britt is cited in the rejection to teach this claimed subject matter.

Applicant argues that Brit fails to cure the deficiency of Metz. Applicant continues to argue on page 10 & page 11, that Britt is limited to operation in the event of a power outage, and thus does not teach the claimed subject matter. Examiner respectfully disagrees and points out that Britt explicitly discloses that the invention alternatively operates in the event that downloading is suspended or disrupted during transmission, which reads on the claimed 'signal transmission error', see Britt, col. 11, lines 41-44 & col. 12, lines 31-35.

As for the specifics of the claimed, '*predetermined number*', the claimed feature is met by the NO PWR FLAG, which is a number, albeit in binary form, since a bit sequence, is a number. Regarding the further claimed feature, '*when the value is the predetermined number, automatically restarting the downloading process*', examiner respectfully disagrees. Britt teaches that the reset routine is executed any time that the power to the STB is turned on, (Fig. 8; col. 8,

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lines 7-22 & col. 8, lines 57-65) which meets the condition required in the claims, 'the initial boot routine includes checking whether or not a value stored in the first domain is the predetermined number'. Thus, in Britt each time the STB is turned on, i.e., at start-up, the system checks to see if the NO PWR FLAG is set, and if so, the downloading of the upgrade software is restarted from the point, at which the downloading was left off prior to the transmission disruption, see col. 8, lines 7-65; col. 9, lines 42-67 & col. 12, lines 33-35; Fig. 6 & Fig. 9.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 27-28, 32, 42 & 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Metz, (U.S. Pat # 5,666,293), in view of Britt, (U.S. Pat # 6,230,319).

Considering claim 27, the claimed downloading apparatus for a broadcast receiver, comprising:

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'receiver which receives a broadcast signal having a program signal and control information signal'; col. 6, lines 50-65; col. 7, lines 62-67 thru col. 8, lines 1-2 & Fig. 1 teach a STT 100, including a DET 102 that receives video programs and operating system software, which reads on a *'control information signal'*.

'storage element which stores a control program, such that the control program controls the operation of a video program corresponding to the video program'; reads on the DET storing the operating system for the STT, which defines the basic operations of the STT 100, col. 8, lines 9-34.

'storage element further comprising RAM for temporarily storing the downloaded control program', met by col. 10, lines 1-9 & col. 17, lines 45-56, newly extracted operating system is stored in RAM 122.

'non volatile RAM, including a second domain for storing a control program', reads on Metz, (col. 8, lines 9-25; col. 10, lines 1-15; col. 20, lines 44-62), which teaches that the operating system and the operating system upgrade routine may be stored in NVRAM 121.

'non-volatile RAM, including a first domain that stores a version number of the control program stored in the second domain, when the control program is valid', reads on the above discussion that the operating system (which necessarily includes its version number) and the operating system upgrade routine are both stored in NVRAM 121, also col. 36, lines 25-55.

As for the claimed, *'non-volatile RAM including a first domain that stores predetermined number indicating that the downloaded procedure was suspended due to signal transmission error'*; Metz teaches that the DET uses checksum procedure to determine if there are any errors in the downloaded operating system, col. 37, lines 44-67 thru col. 38, lines 1-40 & Fig. 9. However, Metz does not explicitly state that the checksum value is stored in the flash memory. Nevertheless Britt, which is in the same field of endeavor, teaches that when there is disruption of the downloading of an upgrade program, that a No PWR FLAG is set, which indicates to the upgrade routine that downloading of the instant application program was incomplete, see (Fig. 15; col. 11, lines 35-67 thru col. 12, lines 1-35). Britt goes on to disclose that in this instance, a field NUM...BLOCKS is provided in the flash memory 22b, which indicates the number of blocks that were written into the flash memory so far, which reads on the claimed language. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, to modify Metz with the disclosure of storing a value in flash memory when there is a loss of power, at least for the added benefit of explicitly indicating that such a loss of power has taken place, as taught by Britt, (Abstract; col. 2, lines 1-38; col. 3, lines 1-20).

'initial boot routine includes checking whether or not a value stored in the first domain is the predetermined number and if so, automatically updating the control program', is provided for **by the combination** of Metz disclosing that the version number of an incoming operating system is checked against the current operating system and if the numbers do not match, then the incoming versions is extracted, col. 10, lines 1-9 & col. 17, lines 45-56. Metz also teaches that in

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an initial boot routine, the system can check for faults in the software programs or in the DET 102, (col. 22, lines 25-45) and **Britt** teaching that there is specific field (NUM...BLOCKS), left in the flash memory 22b, when a disruption takes place during the downloading of an application program, which results in the interruption of the downloading of the instant application program. More specifically, Britt teaches that any time the STB is turned on, the start-up routine checks to see if there is a value in the NO PWR FLAG memory location. If so, then the downloading procedure is restarted from the same point, if the items already downloaded are not corrupted, see col. 12 lines 10-35.

'microcontroller that replaces the control program stored in the second domain temporarily stored in RAM based on the control information and the version number of the control program', reads on operation of the microprocessor 110, in Metz col. 36, lines 54-67; col. 38, lines 1-55.

Considering claim 28, *'wherein the broadcast signal includes a PID in order to identify the type of information of the broadcast signal'*, Metz teaches such a feature, col. 36, lines 54-56.

Considering claim 32, the claimed, *'signal processor for separating the control information signal from the broadcast signal'* reads on the disclosure of Metz, which teaches extracting the download program from the transmission stream, col. 10, lines 1-5.

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Considering claim 42, the claimed method steps for downloading a control program from a broadcast signal in a digital receiver, corresponds with subject matter mentioned above in the rejection of claim 27, and are likewise treated.

Considering claim 46, Metz teaches that the operating system, which necessarily includes its version number, is stored in non-volatile RAM, col. 17, lines 40-45 & col. 18, lines 1-10, which reads on the claimed subject matter.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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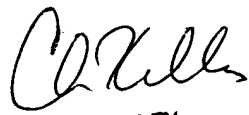
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Kelley can be reached on (571) 272-7331. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for regular communications and After Final communications.

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